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My Dear Mother

I received your most welcome letter last evening and was very much pleased to hear from you and also to hear that you were all well. it is strange that you do not get our letters we have written a number since we left Baltimore I wrote you one last Saturday the letters you send come all right. you keep on directing them to Washington and we will get ^{them} no matter where we are they will be forwarded on to us

We are still lying here ~~and there~~
on board of the "Atlantic" it
has been just three weeks today
since we got aboard. I hope
we will not have to stay
three weeks longer for I am
getting tired of it. I had a
great deal rather be on
"Terra firma". We are taken
ashore every day when it
is pleasant. Yesterday was
the most beautiful day that
I ever saw there was not
a cloud to be seen and
it ^{was} almost as warm as any
day last summer up there.
Captain took us ashore
and marched us most over
to Hampton we stacked
our guns and then went
on to Hampton village
to see the ruins. The
place is about as large

Hamilton village there is
nothing left but the walls
and chimneys of the houses
the walls of one of the ~~oldest~~^{stand}
churches in the U. S. there
the brick that ^{it} was made
of were brought from

England. I see marked
on a tomb stone in the
grave yard the name of
a Captain in the Revolution
that was 128 years of age
a rather old man I thought
I went to the Hospital to see
~~wood~~ Woods Rogers he is a cook
for the Doctors I took dinner
with him it seemed good
to set down to a table and
^{we} had a good dinner

I sent you a package by express
yesterday containing \$33.00 it will
get to Utica by Saturday I don't
know whether you will have to

send for it or not, or whether
it will be sent by stage
I paid 50 cts charges on
it. I would have sent you
more but Harrison did not
pay me. Lieut Searl was
owing him \$25.00 he sent
it all to John Wheeler I guess
I don't care much whether
he pays me or not for
it was money that I
found, and it was no
more than fair to divide

Well I must close my
letter for it is getting ~~un~~
most dark so good night
Give my love to all and
write soon

Yours Truly,
We are both well Truly